BIAL. AAI hold 13% equity in BIAL with a cap of Rs. 50 crores. AAI has contributed 1.87 crores as advance against equity to BIAL during 2004-05. There is no Central share of Govt, of India in the Project.

(e) The work on the proposed airport will commence immediately after the Financial Close and the target opening date of the airport will be 33 months from the date of Financial Close.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Modification of Terminal 2B of the International Airport at Mumbai

1. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Airports Authority of India is examining a proposal to modify terminal 2B of the Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport, Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal;

(c) whether the Ministry has sanctioned a substantial amount for the project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when the work will start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Airports Authority of India proposes to modify and upgrade the interiors of Terminal 2B and also extend the T'erminal 2B towards airside at all the floors for an overall area of 16200 sqm. at an estimated cost of Rs. 94.10 crores approximately to be funded through its internal resources.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The applications for shortlisting of cc .ractors for the execution of the works have been invited and the workt are expected to start this year.

Open Skies Agreements

2. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether following the decision to allow private airlines to fly from